

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0030] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0030] The floating bearing 20 is located between the femoral component 16 and the tibial component 18. The floating bearing 20 has a substantially planar inferior bearing surface 52 which slidably moves relative to the highly polished tibial bearing surface 54, further discussed herein. The floating bearing 20 further includes a first bearing surface 28 20a and a second bearing surface 30 20b. The first bearing surface 28 20a and the second bearing surface 30 20b articulate with the first bearing surface 28 of the condyle 24 and the second bearing surface 30 of the condyle 26 of the femoral component 16, respectively. Positioned between the first and second bearing surfaces 28 20a and 30 20b is a circular, or other appropriate shapes as discussed, opening 60 that is slidably positioned around a guide post 62. The opening 60 is defined by a substantially perpendicular peripheral sidewall 64 which is operable to engage the guide post 62. The floating bearing 20 is preferably formed from a surgical grade, low friction, low wearing plastic, such as UHMWPE or other suitable material.